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From: David Gray

**Sent:** Sun 8/23/2015 7:08:57 PM

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From: <gray.david@epa.gov>

Date: August 23, 2015 at 1:08:03 PM MDT

To: "nigel.duara@latimes.com" < nigel.duara@latimes.com>

**Subject: Response** 

Nigel,

Nancy and David here. We hadn't seen your question. Here is a response

The Department of Interior is conducting an independent review of the release which will determine the adequacy of the activities leading up to the incident. We are not speculating on the findings of this independent review. In addition, EPA is conducting its own internal technical examination of the incident.

From: Duara, Nigel [mailto:nigel.duara@latimes.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2015 2:48 PM

To: Press; StClair, Christie Subject: Re: Site Stabilization

Hello?

On Sat, Aug 22, 2015 at 6:36 AM, Duara, Nigel <nigel.duara@latimes.com> wrote:

Hi,

The EPA contractor crew told both Silverton and San Juan officials that stabilization work was not done on the Gold King site before work began.

It appears that site stabilization was called for in be order.

Did the contractor crew fail to follow the correct steps called for in the Statement of

Work?

Nigel

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